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## From the President

A number of libraries have already reported that 100% of their staffs are now members of M.L.A. This is a laudable and impressive achievement and there is reason to hope that we may increase our total membership this year.

Before we indulge in self-congratulation, however, we should take note of the fact that total membership of a library staff in M.L.A. is still a rarity. Moreover, far too many Trustees of Michigan libraries have not yet been brought into the Association. The strength and success of M.L.A. are dependent to a major extent on cooperation between our Trustees and Librarians in the planning and execution of the Association's programs. One of the prime objectives of the head of every library in the state should be the recruitment of the members of his governing board into M.L.A.

At this writing work is progressing on the refinement of a questionnaire to the membership which promises to give us more information than we have ever had regarding the views of the members on the Association's programs and the degree of their involvement in its activities. The Executive Board is sincere in its desire to know how the members feel that the organization, the programs and the district meetings can be improved. Tell us exactly what you think. Improvement begins with constructive criticism.

The planning and execution of the District Meetings this year represented an unusual coordination of effort toward a common purpose. The attend-

ance, the interest in the problem of a state plan, and the invaluable discussion have been most heartening. It is obvious that the accomplishment of a state plan for public libraries will require much more detailed planning, and much unanimous cooperation but it is a goal worth the labor it costs.

The level of per capita state aid for libraries in Michigan has decreased sharply during the past twenty years and there seems to be little prospect of restored support by state appropriations without a state wide program that will be administratively defensible and will enlist the interest and support of librarians, public library trustees, and of other leaders in civic and state affairs. The task before us calls for unanimity on the part of "have" institutions who will profit only indirectly and for courage on the part of the "have-not" libraries who fear that they may lose under any plan that strives for concentration of library strength. Moreover, it demands that we all contribute hard thinking, hard work, and a willingness to entertain new ideas.

The planning of the next annual conference of the Association is progressing rapidly under the very able chairmanship of Mr. Charles Higgins, Assistant State Librarian. It has been possible to accommodate all Sections that wish to sponsor general sessions. The program promises to be both meaty and entertaining, and the accommodations for the meeting and exhibits should be unusually spacious and attractive.

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## THE NOMINATIONS 1960 - 61

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Michigan Library Association, the Committee on Nominations and Elections presents the following candidates for office in the Association for the coming year. Official ballots are sent to all members in good standing. Results will be announced at the annual conference, October 19-22, Civic Center, Lansing.

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MRS. J. JOSEPH HERBERT (Imogene) Chairman, Board of Trustees, Manistique Public Library. University of Michigan graduate 1919; case work for Children's Aid Society of Detroit, 1919-20; teacher Manistique Public Schools 1921-22; State Press Chairman, Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs 1927-28; State Gerontology Chairman for M.F.W.C. 1952; member Manistique Board of Education 1943-62; past member, State Educational Policies Commission; at present on Board of Trustees of Upper Peninsula Child Guidance Clinic, Marquette, trustee, Escanaba Branch Child Guidance Clinic; board of trustees of the U.P. Michigan Children's Aid Society, Marquette; vice-president, U.P. chapter on Family Relations; board of trustees of U.P. American Cancer Society; assistant on planning boards for upper peninsula work shops on youth, aging, adult education, member, Schoolcraft Historical Society, member, M.L.A. Scholarship Committee, 2nd Vice Chairman, M.L.A. Trustee Section.

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MISS KATHARINE M. STOKES, Librarian, Western Michigan University Waldo Library, Kalamazoo. B.S., Simmons College, 1928; M.A.L.S., University of Michigan, 1945. Assistant Librarian, Ludington Memorial Library, Bryn Mawr, Pa., 1928-30; assistant in circulation and cataloging, Harrisburg Public Library, Pa., 1930-31; circulation librarian, Pennsylvania State College, 1931-40; acting reference librarian, Swarthmore College Library, Pa., 1940 (on leave from Penn. State); assistant librarian for Readers Service, Penn. State, 1940-45; circulation librarian, University of Illinois, 1945-48; Librarian, Western Michigan University, 1948 to date. Member A.L.A., M.L.A.; Editor, I.L.A. Record 1947-48; Editor, *Michigan Librarian* 1949-51; Secretary, College and University Section, P.L.A., 1938-39; Chairman, 1939-40; Executive Board P.L.A., 1940-41; Chairman, Recruiting Committee, A.C.R.L., 1950-51; Secretary, A.L.A. Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career, 1951-; A.L.A. membership chairman, A.L.A. recruiting committee; A.L.A. Council, president, Library Administration Division, 1959.

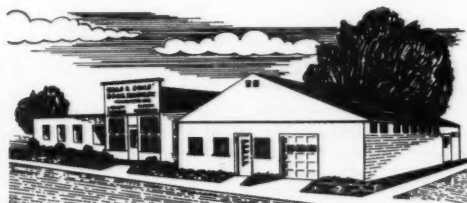
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MISS HELEN WARNER, Librarian, Willard Library, Battle Creek since 1943. A.B. Kalamazoo College, 1931. A.B. in L.S. University of Michigan, 1932. Assistant in Reference Department and Extension Department Michigan State Library, 1934-38. Librarian, Public Library, Mt. Pleasant, 1938-43. Member of Michigan State Board for Libraries, 1941-51, Chairman in 1945-46 and 1950-51. Chairman M.L.A. District 6, 1940. Chairman of the following M.L.A. Committees: Intellectual Freedom, 1953; Study of Constitution and By-Laws, 1956; Public Library Standards, 1959; Member of Advisory Committee for the State Study 1958-60. Member, M.L.A., A.L.A.

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## THE NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY STANDARDS

Even before the advent of Sputnik, the attention of our nation has been focused on our schools, criticizing, evaluating, researching, planning, with only one goal in mind—the improvement of the total program of our country's schools. There have been many recipes offered us toward the achievement of the desired result—the development of each pupil to his maximum potential—and all of these recipes sooner or later have stressed the need for ade-

quate school libraries at every level of the educational ladder. The awareness of this need is evidenced by the increasing frequency with which school library services are mentioned in educational publications of all kinds.

In 1945 the American Library Association published the first national standards for school libraries in *School Libraries for Today and Tomorrow*. In 1953 at the A.L.A. convention in Los Angeles, the American Association of

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School Librarians approved a project for the revision of these standards and named Frances Henne, School of Library Service, Columbia University and Ruth Ersted, Supervisor of School Libraries, Minnesota State Department of Education, as co-chairmen of this important undertaking. Since school libraries are not the exclusive domain of librarians alone, the help of others interested in the quality education of children and young people was sought and eighteen national educational and lay organizations were asked to appoint representatives to serve on this committee. In 1958 the publication of *Standards for School Library Programs* became an actual fact and marked the greatest step forward in the history of school libraries.

The new standards are based on research, surveys, and suggestions from the committee, from the Board of Directors of the American Association of School Librarians, and from the membership as a whole. In the spring of 1957 good school library programs were identified to the committee by state school library supervisors and others. Detailed questionnaires were sent to more than 1,400 school librarians in the spring of 1958. Of these 118 went to school librarians in Michigan. Workshops were held; other brief questionnaires were sent; several drafts were written, discussed and revised. In June 1959 the final draft was approved by the Board of Directors of A.A.S.L. Thus as Miss Henne said in Washington last June, these standards are based on "the best judgment possible of many people with many years of reflection and experience."

Careful examination of *Standards for School Library Programs* is exciting, rewarding and challenging. The greatest challenge of all to those of us who work with children and young people lies in the emphasis on *programs* of library service to students and teachers. The school library resources and services necessary for quality education are carefully outlined and must be considered always in relation to the objectives and philosophy of each individual school. They cannot be considered as a separate or isolated program any more than the library quarters can exist effectively in a separate building. Never

has the hackneyed expression which refers to the library as the "heart of the school" been more definitely underscored than here. To quote from chapter 3 of the *Standards*, "The true concept of a school library program means instruction, service and activity *throughout* the school rather than merely within the four walls of the library quarters."

### Standards Divided into Three Sections

There are three parts to the *Standards*: Part I titled "The School Library as an Educational Force"; Part II is called "Planning and Implementing School Library Programs", and Part III "Resources for Teaching and Learning". Some of the chapter titles will serve to illustrate the scope of the new standards: I, "Of Importance to All Citizens"; II, "The Objectives and Scope of the Library Program in the School"; IV, "Materials, Funds and Staff Needed for School Library Programs"; V, "School Boards, School Administrators and School Libraries"; VIII, "Curriculum Co-ordinators, Teachers and School Libraries"; XI, "The Library in the New School"; XII, "Library Resources and Services in Schools Having Fewer Than 200 Students"; XIII, "Co-operative Planning for School Libraries". No area of service, no plan or combination of plans of administration, no type or size of school has been overlooked. Public Libraries will be most interested in reading those areas outlining their part in the school library program.

The American Association of School Librarians has prepared and distributed a very attractive leaflet addressed to school administrators and titled "Is There Something Missing In Your School? ". One portion defines the school library as: "a centrally organized collection, readily accessible, of many kinds of materials that, used together, enrich and support the educational program. It contains books, magazines, and other printed materials, as well as films and film-strips, recordings, pictures and maps. While its resources are carefully selected to meet the needs of the instructional program they provide also an opportunity for additional exploration and discovery."

This leaflet further comments, in answer to the question, "Who Makes it effective?"; that "The excellent school library is the hub of a dynamic program throughout the school. The school library program means service and activity that cuts across all grade levels and every subject field.

"It is the professionally trained librarian who brings the program alive for teachers and students, who makes it an integral part of the curriculum, in the hobby club as well as in the classroom. The school librarian helps to motivate, strengthen and follow up learning, and guides the development of reading, listening and viewing abilities and tastes."

Surely no educational assignment could be more exciting, more challenging, or more valuable!

When the *Standards for School Library Programs* was presented, the first questions were of the "How Many?", "How Much?" variety, a phase of the standards which has from the very start been subordinated to the importance of a *good program* of library service. If the objectives and scope of a good school educational program are clearly defined and carefully adhered to, then a good school library program in that school must follow. If at first the amount of professional help, of clerical help, of the number of books, magazines, pamphlets, films and other materials seems large, we must remember that these are needed for *good* service to students and teachers. It is encouraging to know that the goals listed in the *Standards* have already been exceeded by a number of schools. For most of us they represent goals toward which we must constantly strive. To quote a sentence from Chapter VII "The standards are recommended with the major purpose of making it possible for the school to have or to work toward a complete library program for students and teachers."

The American Association of School Librarians appointed Miss M. Virginia Gaver of Rutgers University to act as the chairman of a committee to implement the standards among the schools of the nation. This committee has recommended that each of us read the *Standards* not once but two or three times, each time relating these goals to his or her own particular situation.

Having done this, then each must decide on a definite plan of action, again with the individual situation in mind, and then finally to set up a time schedule for this plan. A.A.S.L. has prepared a very fine aid in a *Discussion Guide* based on the *Standards*. This booklet will be an invaluable assistance in presenting the new *Standards* to a faculty or parent group.

### Michigan—Pilot Study State

Aided by small grants from A.L.A. and from the Carnegie Foundation, the A.A.S.L. was able to choose nine states to serve as pilot projects in the implementation of the new standards. Michigan was most fortunate to have been chosen as one of these pilot states. Michigan's program is planned to cover at least two years of activity, based on a thorough in-service training. It began with a full day of the Michigan Association of School Librarians conference program devoted to a study and discussion of the new standards. Enthusiasm of school people and other interested persons who were present was very high and very productive. A large number of programs has already been planned for area meetings of M.L.A., Michigan Education Association and M.A.S.L. Several publications have already or will soon have, in their pages, excellent articles dealing with this important subject.

Chapter I of the *Standards for School Library Programs* closes with this paragraph: "To work continuously toward excellence in providing students and teachers with the resources of teaching and learning that they need, is a good investment for the community. Today, more than ever before, it is the concern and responsibility of citizens to lend their support to a program of action that leads to the development of library programs in the schools that now have none, and that hastens the improvement of existing school libraries that have not yet met recognized standards or their fullest potential. It is the right of every child and young person in a democratic society to have the resources of learning easily accessible, primarily because these resources and the school library program that implements their use constitute a fundamental part of the education of youth."

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## YOUR ALA COUNCILOR REPORTS

The most interesting session of Council held at Midwinter this year was the informational meeting held on Saturday morning with the Executive Board. At this meeting Mr. Richard Sealock, the A.L.A. treasurer explained the process by which the A.L.A. budget is made and funds are allocated. He also explained the sources of income of the A.L.A.

The Council, in a mail vote taken in November, had authorized the Executive Board to make what plans are necessary to continue Federal Aid to public libraries when the present legislation expires.

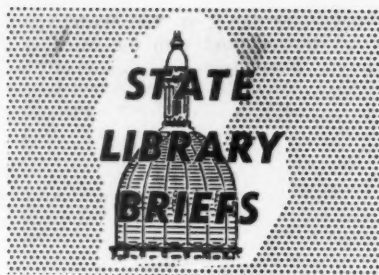
We also heard reports on the progress of the A.L.A. Headquarters Building Committee. They have not been successful in securing Foundation money for the building. However A.L.A. intends to proceed with its plans and to use money which they now have invested in stocks and bonds. The total cost of construction is estimated at \$876,600.

A meeting was held during Midwinter for Chapter Chairmen and Division Chairmen to explore possibilities of getting some financial help from the Divisions and Chapters for the project.

Ethel Yabroff

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**Seaway film . . .** Kenneth R. Dickinson, vice-president of the Michigan Tractor and Machinery Company, Detroit, presented a copy of the film, "The Eighth Sea" to Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, state librarian, during National Library Week. The 28-minute film, in color, shows construction features of the St. Lawrence Seaway, with narration by Walter Cronkite. The film has been added to the State Library's North Oakland-West Central Library projects film circuit and is available for loan from the State Library in Lansing. Michigan Tractor also has prints available for showing to clubs and other organizations.

**NLW 1960-61-62 . . .** According to a preliminary report by National Library Week headquarters in New York, the third observance of National Library Week was characterized by many gains — heightened participation of press, magazine and broadcasting media; expanded activity by voluntary, professional and industrial groups and more imaginative programs. Together, the gains demonstrate that the program is achieving its major objective: to enhance the status of reading and of library services to communities across the nation. On the Michigan scene, librarians reported that newspaper support was better than in 1959. Clippings received at the State Library reveal that every conceivable type of newspaper article appeared, including editorials, guest columns, photo-features, fillers and use of the Library Week symbols.

**Summer Workshops . . .** State Library consultants are busy preparing for the two workshops slated for July. A workshop program for second year students will be held July 10-15 at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, while first year students will meet July 24-29 at the Michigan Education Association Camp, St. Mary's Lake, near Battle Creek.

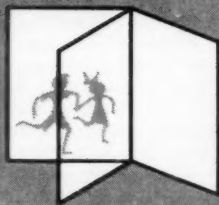
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## Trustee's Corner

### NEWS and VIEWS

To quote from an article by Mr. Thomas Dreier in a St. Petersburg, Fla. paper during Library Week;

"In 1914 Czarist Russia had 13,876 libraries. Then came the revolution . . . by 1940 the number of public libraries had risen to some 95,400 with 184,767,000 volumes. The Second World War worked great library destruction and some 43,000 libraries were ruined and over a million volumes were looted or destroyed. Only 38,000 public libraries with just under 100 million books were left. After the war the restoration problem started again. By 1957 a total of 144,300 public libraries with 652,687,000 volumes had been reached. At present, according to Dr. W. W. Gottlieb in *The Library Review*, summer of 1959, there are 394,000 libraries of all types. They contain 1,500 million volumes. They had 734 books for every 100 inhabitants of the U.S.S.R.

"Now pause and ask: 'How many university, college, school and public libraries are there in the United States?'

"Brace yourself for a shock. We have only 25,000. Of these only about 7,500 are public."

And to take from a letter by our Michigan Library Association's Legislative Committee Chairman, Joe Kimbrough; "The core of the legislative program is within the Trustees of our libraries".

When we are again reminded of the fact that some 1,000,000 residents of Michigan are without legal local library service, it's about time the Trustees of the libraries of the State should have more than a passive interest and desire to do something about it.

My suggestion is to "Get With" your fellow trustees and with the Michigan Library Association as a member, so that you can work with them and every other agency concerned with the best interests of an enlightened citizenship for your State and Nation. If you really are interested in library improvement and believe in the benefits of good library service you'll never be sorry you 'joined up'.

Get a copy of the proposed "State Plan" and read it carefully. You will be sure to find inspiration for a job you can do to help make it work, but none of us can do it alone. So get together with other trustees, librarians and friends, and let's work together to make Michigan strong in libraries so that every citizen benefits.

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**HERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY, Holland,** officially dedicated May 7. Speaker was the Netherlands Ambassador.

**MRS. HAZEL HAYES, Director of the new Herrick Public Library, Holland** was the recipient of an AAUW citation stating that she had been chosen the most outstanding woman of the community.

**CLAXTON HELMS, Director of the Allegan Public Library,** has been named recipient of the first SERVICE ABOVE SELF award, given by the Allegan Rotary Club. This award was created to recognize a non-Rotarian in the community who had distinguished himself in his business or profession. The award reads "for rendering faithful and outstanding service to the citizens of this community in a most unselfish manner."

**Miss MINNIE GUHL, New Buffalo Librarian,** retires after eighteen years of service. She saw her library grow from a 400 book collection to 10,000. A long time member of M.L.A., Miss Guhl is re-opening her art studio and will again give art instruction to aspiring young artists.

**Mrs. DOROTHY F. MARKLE, formerly head of Ferndale High School Library,** was recently made Director of Library Services of the Ferndale School District.

**MATE GRAYE HUNT** received the 1960 Beta Phi Mu Good Teaching Award just prior to her retirement from Western Michigan University Department of Librarianship. The award was for Miss Hunt's ". . . kind personal interest in her students, as well as her helpfulness to all librarians seeking her counsel have made her name distinguished among library educators."

**KATHERINE G. HARRIS, past president, M.L.A. and present president ALA Reference Services Division** in April flew to Madison, Wisconsin for a conference on regional reference services.

**FREDERICK H. WAGMAN, President, M.L.A.,** is distinguished speaker at the 25th anniversary conference in the University of Chicago Graduate Library School Series to be held in Chicago August 15-17. Dr. Wagman's topic will be "Library Requirements of the Modern College". Anyone wishing to attend should write to the University of Chicago Graduate Library School.

**JEAN E. LOWRIE, associate professor, School of Graduate Studies, Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan University,** has written one of the chapters in the *New Definitions of School Library Service*. She discusses the "Implications of the New Educational Goals for School Libraries—on the Elementary Level".

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# OF interest

## From Page To Pages of Citations

When Bill Smith worked as a page in the Adrian Public Library, Emma Sihler encouraged his interest in books and libraries. The following reprint of a newspaper story shows the results. (Have you a similar story to send to the *Michigan Librarian*?)

### *Adrian Soldier Is Commended For Library Project In Korea*

Sp. 4/c William K. Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Smith of 832 Frank Street, Adrian, has been cited for meritorious service as adviser to the chief of librarians at the Korean Military Academy.

As adviser to the chief librarian, Sp. Smith, was primarily responsible for the reorganization of procedures for selecting, cataloging and storing books for the Eighth Army Memorial Library. In this capacity, he reorganized the central library which contained approximately 25,000 volumes, and the effort resulted in the first accurate cataloging of English language titles. The library, which was built in memory of all soldiers who lost their lives in Korea, is located at the Korean Military Academy near Seoul.

Sp. Smith received citations from Lt. General Lee Han Lim of the Republic of Korea Army; and from Brig. General William F. Cassidy of the U.S. Army. The citations commended his "high degree of patience, perseverance and professional competence in the performance of his duties." He also received a commendation ribbon with a metal pendant.

He is a graduate of Adrian high school, and received his degree in library science from Western Michigan University. For six months before he enlisted in the army, he was assistant librarian of Jackson county. He took his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Sp. Smith is now stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

### Now Available

Sister M. Rose Imelde, De Haus, O.P.  
A HISTORY OF THE MICHIGAN

UNIT OF THE CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, Department of Library Science, Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, 1959, 74 pp., \$2.50.

The history covers an account of the projects and achievements of the Michigan Unit during the seventeen years of its existence. Besides including the general organization of the unit, interspersed throughout the text and in the appendices are various lists intended to furnish in outline form minimum essentials concerning themes and speakers engaged for meetings. Complete tables indicating date, place, speakers, and conference themes reveal the timely subjects treated while charts show a variety of topics considered by the respective sections. Each section of the history contains a well developed treatment of the subject. This is a history that all MUCL members will want to own and all CLA units will want to purchase.

### Scholarships

#### *Loans and Fellowships for Prospective School Librarians*

The Awards and Scholarships Committee of the American Association of School Librarians urges librarians to inform qualified and needy high school students of the loans available under the National Defense Education Act. Federal funds available will almost double in the next four years, the committee told AASL state assembly members and state school library supervisors in a recent communication.

Prospective librarians are eligible for the loans and 50 per cent of the loan will be cancelled for those who serve as school librarians or teacher librarians for five years. Students may apply for these loans through the college or university they plan to attend (providing the institution has established a loan fund with Federal assistance).

There are also National Defense Graduate Fellowships available for graduate study authorized by the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

For further information, write to the Division of Higher Education Office of Education, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington 25, or to the institution in which you are interested.

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## With Pride

Your Executive Secretary points out the following M.L.A. members who are running for offices in A.L.A.: Arthur Yabroff, Detroit Public Library, treasurer; Ransom L. Richardson, Flint Public Library, A.L.A. Council; others for A.L.A. Council are Charles Higgins, Assistant State Librarian; Barbara Westby, Detroit Public Library; Henry Koch, Michigan State University Library, secretary of the Reference Services Division; Harriet Carter, Flint Public Library, vice-chairman, chairman-elect, Library Administration Division, section on governmental relations; Hazel DeMeyers, Western Michigan University, secretary, Library Administration Division, section on financial administration; G. Flint Purdy, Wayne State University, member of executive committee, Library Administration Division; Katharine Stokes, Western Michigan University, member of executive committee, section on building and equipment, Library Administration Division; Mrs. Frances Brewer, vice-chairman, chairman-elect, rare books section, Association of College and Research Libraries; Genevieve Casey, Detroit Public Library, vice-president, president-elect, Association of Hospital and Institutional Libraries; Mrs. Evaline Schunk, Grosse Pointe Public Library, member-at-large, Newberry Caldecott Awards Committee, Children's Service Division; Alice Louise LeFevre, Western Michigan University, chairman, teachers' section, Library Education Division.

## New Method Book Bindery Builds

Long time advertiser in the *Michigan Librarian* and an institutional member of M.L.A., New Method Book Bindery, Inc. of Jacksonville, Illinois has built a new, modern plant. Keynote address at the dedication ceremony was given by Benjamin Powell, A.L.A. president. Another featured speaker was Mrs. Merlin Moore, immediate past president of the American Association of Library Trustees, A.L.A. Mr. Lawrence Sibert founded New Method forty years ago and because it has continued to grow with Jacksonville, Mayor DuBois officially proclaimed a "New Method" day.

## Technical Information Service Available

The Library Technology Project of A.L.A. is now furnishing information

to librarians on materials, machines, equipment and systems useful in library operations. Any inquiries should be directed to the Library Technology Project, A.L.A. Headquarters, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago 11.

## School and Children's Section Notes

### Spring Institute

The theme of "Adventures in World Understanding" was used at the annual School and Children's Librarians Spring Institute held at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education in Lansing, April 1-2. This opportune theme was developed through a panel discussion, speakers, and a symposium, with the emphasis on the use of books with "World Understanding."

At the first general session, Miss Louise Lefevre of Western Michigan University, was chairman of a panel discussion. Each participant of the panel, composed of Miss Louise Sause, associate professor in the education department of Michigan State University, Miss Hazel Brown of Royal Oak, Miss Hilda Mason, Youth Librarian, Parkman Branch, Detroit, and Miss Nelda Hinz, Saginaw, emphasized and illustrated the seriousness and responsibility librarians have toward providing the proper materials for children and young people. That books should be carefully chosen, be accurate and kept up to date. Eva Evans' two books, "All About Us," and "People Are Important," were brought out as a good introduction for elementary grades. Books in foreign languages for boys and girls were also useful for world understanding. Miss Mason explained her very popular discussion group with high school people, at which current problems are discussed.

"Telling Stories to Children," a first showing of the film produced at the University of Michigan Audio-Visual Education Center was enjoyed by all. This film was under the direction of Aubert Lavastida, and planned by Mark Taylor (Jack Huebler) as an award winning project of the Dutton-Macrae Award. The actors are Winnifred Cross-

ley, Mary Ann Stevenson, Mark Taylor and the children of the University Elementary School. This film is available for three-day rental from the Center.

At the Friday evening session, Reba Paeff Mirsky, author of "Thirty-One Brothers and Sisters," delightfully described the background for her interest in the Zulu people.

At the Informal Story Telling which followed, Miss Miriam Wessel, Head of the Main Children's Room, Detroit, introduced two storytellers: Miss Marcia Mazzucchi, who told "Doom of Angus," and Miss Hazel Richardson, who told "Chanticleer."

On Saturday morning, Miss Laura Long of Midland was chairman of the symposium on "Outstanding Books for World Understanding." Mrs. Dorothy Burns, University of Michigan Library, illustrated her discussion with picture books. Miss Marjorie Miller, Eastern Michigan University, mentioned many fiction titles for older children. Mrs. Margaret H. Grazier, Derby Junior High School, Birmingham completed with high school age books, a great many titles in adult collections.

The speaker for the Saturday luncheon was Mrs. Charlemae Rollins, Children's Librarian, Chicago, who used as her topic, "World Understanding Begins at Home." In her heart-to-heart talk she brought out several points: (1) It begins at home (2) There is hope with children. (3) A belief in people. (4) A belief in books and children. She emphasized the importance of children's books, the tools of life. That the power of books for children should not be under-estimated, for the person-to-person relationship between librarians and children can produce life-long effects, giving several illustrations and experiences.

The exhibit of Books on World Friendship was arranged by the Michigan State Library and Foreign Children's Books by Saginaw Public Library.

The Spring Institute Planning Committee was composed of Chairman, Miss Bertha Jenkinson, Oak Park, a welcome newcomer to our State; Miss Laura Long, Midland; Mr. Richard Darling, Livonia; ably assisted by Section Chairman, Miss Sarita Davis, University of Michigan Elementary School, Ann Arbor. The one hundred and fifty

members and guests who attended were given a pleasant and worthwhile Spring Institute.

Julia Cruikshank

### Fall Institute

Central Michigan Teacher-Librarian Conference

Date: October 15

Place: High School Auditorium, Atlanta.

Program as follows:

- 9:00—Registration and coffee hour
- 10:00—Call to order
- 10:15—Teachers look to the library—Panel
- 10:45—Creating interest in library resources
- 11:15—The National Defense Education Act
- 12:00—Browsing
- 12:30—Lunch
- 1:45—Speaker, Mrs. Margaret Bradfield, Illustrator of Children's Books and Pioneer in Creating Film Strips
- 2:30—Story telling
- 3:00—Evaluation

Planning committee for the fall institute: Mrs. Josephine Haneckow, Rogers City; Herman Haneckow, Rogers City; John B. Crowley, Gaylord, and Mrs. Rose Stevens, Atlanta.

For reservations, write to Mrs. Rose Stevens, Atlanta by October 10. Registration fee—\$2.00. Luncheon—\$1.50.

### MEA Camp, St. Mary's Lake, September 16, 17, 1960

"Bringing National Programs to the Local Level" is the central theme of the School Library Institute this year. "Probing Deeper into the Provisions of the National Defense Education Act" is the topic for the Friday evening session, under the leadership of F. Ralph Frostic and James F. McClure, Consultants of the Michigan Department of Public Instruction. Kenneth Vance, Consultant, Bureau of School Services, University of Michigan, will discuss the local implications of the "Standards for School Library Programs."

On Saturday, Eleanor Burgess of the Grand Rapids Public Library and Joe Kimbrough of the Sturgis Public Library will give book talks on important recent books for purchase in school



libraries. A panel on activating the goals of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth will be presented.

Esther Carter, Librarian, Campus School, Western Michigan University, is chairman of the Institute. Committee members are: Mrs. Barbara Boonstra, Grand Rapids; Viola K. Fitch, Kalamazoo; Mrs. Madelyn Polleys, Sturgis; Mr. Edwin W. Richardson, Portage Community Schools; Mrs. Gladys Welty, Sturgis, and Dorothy Werden, Kalamazoo.

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## COUNTY AND REGIONAL LIBRARIES SECTION

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**cass county library, cassopolis**

In April, 1958, the Cass County Library held open-house in a headquarters building which had been acquired on a lease basis by the library board. They had renovated the various rooms and installed a book lift. So successful was the venture that the Cass County Board of Supervisors purchased the building for library use in December, 1959.

The purchase price was \$19,000 including the lot. The rent which the library board had been paying previously was also applied on the purchase price, making the building an attractive bargain.

The building boasts a varied career,

having been built for a tractor sales firm and later used as a tavern and dance hall. One of its most attractive features from the library's point of view is the expanse of picture windows lighting the reading room. From the outside they frame an inviting view of the library's public service area, at the same time providing ample light for the daytime use of the room.

Located on North Broadway just two blocks from the main intersection of the town, the library is only a few doors away from the LaGrange Township library. For many years the County Library had operated with great difficulty from the basement of the Township Library.

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An astonishing transformation has been accomplished within the building by careful use of color in the various offices and service areas. The reading room on the ground floor is cheerful, having shrimp colored walls and gray ceiling and shelving. On the second floor, mint green walls provide a feeling of spaciousness for the community meeting room, an audio-visual department, the catalog-processing area and the various offices. Bamboo drapes have been used throughout the building and have proved to be highly practical and attractive.

Because the library uses both floors of the building, their most prized possession is the book lift which makes it possible to move the books from the shipping area to the processing area

with great ease. The garage attached to the building provides room for two bookmobiles, as well as storage area. Beyond it is a room which can be used for stack area as the library service expands. The most immediate plans for expansion include the purchase of an adjoining lot to be used for off-street parking.

This County Library is a prime example of the value of ingenuity in providing library service to an area which cannot afford high expenditures. In this library the outstanding example of this ingenuity is probably the book return box converted from an unused coal chute. Cass County is proud of its library headquarters, as evidenced by the tremendous rise in library use since its move to the new building.



**macomb county library, mt. clemens**

In August of 1959 the Macomb County Library was moved from the 13th floor of the county building to more spacious quarters in a remodeled building at the County Service Center located on Elizabeth Road between two major highways in the Northwest section of Mt. Clemens. The building had previously been the County Hospital.

Although these are temporary quarters for the library, this move is in accord with the plan adopted in 1957 as the result of a professional government building-needs survey. Eventually, all county service agencies will be located at the center and the county building downtown will be used for courts and the business administration of the county. The library will be an important

part of the cultural group of buildings at the center.

The administrative offices and public service areas are located on the second floor. The building is at the end of a quadrangle facing the open area planned for a mall. There will be ample parking facilities around this area. The extension facilities are housed in a section of the ground-level floor with a loading ramp for bookmobile use, and a self-operated elevator to the second floor. A central stairway just off the main building entrance provides direct access to either the children's room to the left, or the adult area to the right.

The adult area includes a reading room housing fiction and current periodicals, a stack wing for non-fiction,

a central reference area, with the loan desk at the intersection of the three. A cataloging room is located opposite the elevator and stairway near the reading room. The business offices are at the far end, with the information files and services directly off the reference area.

Beyond the stairway and children's room is an all-purpose room. It houses audio-visual materials, special collections and has facilities for small group meetings. Along the side of the children's room are the staff room and the office of the school consultant and children's librarian.

Five years ago the library board decided on the policy of developing the headquarters as a strong reference unit.

A survey of library facilities completed last year by the Macomb County Planning Commission recommends that such a program be accelerated. This building makes that program possible. More than 2,000 square feet of the total 6,300 available to the library are devoted to reference services and book stacks. Federal funds are available for the development.

The library, even though it is in temporary quarters can plan on future expansion within the building. One wing of the second floor is unused at present but reserved for future use. The Macomb County Library hopes to see a permanent building in the county service center for library use within a very few years.



**monroe county library, monroe**

The new headquarters building for Monroe County Library, dedicated March 15, 1959, was the result of more than ten years' planning by the library board, library staff and community groups. After the first year's use, the building remains as completely satisfactory as the day it was dedicated.

Aside from a second-floor boiler room, the building is all on one floor. It has an area of 10,661 sq. ft., most of which is open, pillar-supported, construction, encouraging library patrons to browse at will in the book collection. 27,000 books, serving the schools and branches, are equally open to the gen-

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eral public. Including equipment, driveway, parking lot, and architect's fees, the headquarters cost \$141,811. Actual construction costs were \$10.40 per sq. ft., a price achieved by economies in ceiling structure, use of asphalt tile, curtain-wall and cement block construction wherever possible. A cheerful and comfortable atmosphere was created by the use of skylights, white ceiling paint, warm wall colors and a careful blend of light woodwork and equipment colors.

A garage, 32' x 85', housing five bookmobiles and the library branchwagon is separated from the library area by a fire-wall. Storage cupboards for office supplies have been built in the garage area as well as in the office area.

While this building performs a primary function of service center for bookmobiles and branches, it is also a county-wide meeting place and a branch library. Cultural and civic groups keep the 28' x 40' meeting room constantly in use. One wall of this room is pegboard, serving as a gallery for the display of local artists' work. (A display case also houses their ceramics, woodcarving and jewelry.) This room also serves for staff meetings and library-sponsored film showings. The staff lounge, containing kitchen facilities, is also accessible from this room.

Making the library even more popular is its location on the banks of the River Raisin. Situated on a five-acre plot, the library grounds are gradually being landscaped as a public park area. Already a men's garden club has built an outdoor fire-place and picnic benches are being installed. Contrary to expectations, reader use of the building has more than doubled since the move to the rural location three miles from town. Surveys among library-users indicate this is due to adequate parking facilities, up-to-date book and audio-visual materials, and courteous service. By a reciprocal agreement, city residents may use this library free of charge.

The audio-visual department is so designed that users may drive up to a side entrance for direct access in borrowing heavy pieces of equipment. Special metal shelving and cabinets form part of this department for the housing of 16mm films, filmstrips, slides, pictures and maps. Immediately adja-

cent to it are the custom-built phonograph record shelves, designed to hold 2,000 albums of every size and the record catalog cabinet as well.

High-school and college students make constant use of the reference room for quiet study. At hours when the library is closed, the room, comfortably furnished with lounges and upholstered chairs, is in popular demand for small group meetings.

Juvenile fiction is shelved adjacent to the record shelves and directly in front of the circulation desk. This permits parents to leave the children in this department while they seek adult books elsewhere in the building. It has been a convenient arrangement, affording maximum control of the children's corner with a minimum of effort.

This headquarters building for Monroe County Library has been named the Edward D. Ellis Building in honor of the Monroe newspaper editor who ensured penal fines support for libraries in the Michigan Constitution of 1835. The building is so designed that it can be enlarged on all four sides with a minimum of expense. At the rate at which Monroe County is growing, such expansion will be needed within the next five years.

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### iosco-arenac regional library, tawas city

The truly successful county or regional library measures its success in terms of community acceptance and use of its service centers. Iosco-Arenac Regional Library with Headquarters in Tawas City operates a number of branch libraries. They point with particular pride to two communities each of which renovated and enlarged their branch libraries through the cooperation of practically the whole town.

In Standish two years ago the Standish Economic Development Corporation, (a group of about 20 businessmen), purchased a piece of property to provide off-street parking. One of the houses on the property seemed too valuable to tear down. Mrs. Ed Perlberg, a member of the Regional Library Board saw it and persuaded her husband, who was a member of the Corporation, that it would make a very good library building. The Corporation was enthusiastic, but had only \$1,000 to spend on the project so they enlisted the local Friends of the Library and six other organizations. Standish wanted

a library and all 1,200 of the city residents pitched in. The men re-roofed, painted, laid tile, moved partitions and re-shingled the exterior. Now, the librarian can have full supervision of all five rooms on the first floor from her desk in the center. The library has a children's corner in one room, a teenage collection in another, a reference room and an adult services room. The center is equipped for the circulation area. In the rear of these rooms there is storage space and, in addition, the second floor is available for storage and expansion.

Many of the townspeople could not donate labor or materials, but helped raise additional funds, donated books, a year's supply of fuel, etc. The Kiwanis Club voted to contribute \$10.00 per month as a continuing fund for the upkeep of the library.

As its share in the project, the Regional Library purchased all new furniture for the branch. The library is now a place to which the people of Standish point with pride. It is "theirs".

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Probably as a result of so much community participation, this branch enjoys an unusually large adult use of its services.

The city of Whittemore (population 452) built a new city hall recently. In it they provided quarters for a new library. The old library room had been only 12' x 16'. The new one is double that size and holds almost twice as many books from the regional library collection. They've been able to provide space for a children's table and study space for adults.

As happens in many public projects, the city ran out of funds before the

library room could be completed. However, so much interest had been aroused in the project that the city officials themselves volunteered along with many townspeople to finish the work. Here, again, the city residents are very proud of their effort. As at Standish, the Regional Library provided new furniture. In the extra space they now have the library has been able to put up interesting displays. In spite of the sleet, snow and mud that's marked the end of winter in the area, the usage of this branch library has doubled in its first three months of operation.

(Photo is that of the children's corner, Standish Branch).

### van buren county library, decatur

County libraries, especially in Michigan, are not noted for an abundance of financial support. When they wish to build a new headquarters or a branch, normally, they must expend as little as possible on the project. So, it's especially heartening to find one county library which can ignore the cost involved in such a project. Van Buren County Library has been most fortunate. By joining with the Decatur Library they have been able to share in the marvelous bequest to that library by Norman E. Webster.

Although Mr. Webster lived most of his life in New York City, he never forgot his birthplace. In his will he instructed that \$800,000 be used in planning the kind of library service he wanted for Decatur. His ideas were modern and sensible. He realized that Decatur was too small an area to maintain such a service, so he suggested that a larger unit of service be asked to join Decatur in the project. Van Buren County Library saw the opportunities for expanded community service in the idea and has worked with Decatur on the building since 1956.

The danger of too elaborate planning for the area of service was ever-present, but expert advice and strong local leadership have avoided it. The two libraries will function as one unit under

the County Librarian. The services which were to be developed were planned jointly and the building designed to suit this cooperative effort. In the impressive but compact building are a main Reading Room, a Work-Stack Room, an Auditorium to seat about 100, a Board Room and a Memorial Room in honor of Mr. Webster and his wife. The Auditorium shares a small kitchen with the Staff Lounge, which also has a Locker Room attached.

The offices are pleasant and well-planned, being conveniently located for the work area and the public services involved. A freight elevator at the rear of the stack area provides easy access to the basement where storage areas are planned. The bookmobile collection will also be housed in this basement area. At the rear of the building with convenient access to the bookmobile stack area is a drive-through garage for the bookmobile, itself.

This building, with its furniture and equipment, will cost approximately \$350,000.00. The income from the remainder of the estate will be used for maintenance and to develop better library service. (When the building is completed, a picture and further information will be published).



### **wayne county library headquarters, wayne**

In November, 1959, the Wayne County Library moved into its new building originally designed and constructed for library purposes. The structure has proved to be a most interesting and serviceable building.

The building contains 61,300 square feet and was constructed at a cost of \$11.46 per square foot. This does not include site development, architectural fees, nor furnishings. It is located on a 10.25 acre site at 33030 Van Born Road, Wayne, Michigan, near the center of the library's service area.

Some of the special features of the building would include:

1. One floor, one elevation throughout the building excepting a basement for all utilities and a mezzanine for the staff room.
2. Extensive use of precast concrete panel walls, columns, and beam ceilings. The roof is 340 feet long and of folded plate reinforced poured concrete construction.
3. The whole building, excepting the garage and maintenance area, is air conditioned.
4. Every department has its own distinct area yet each is easily accessible to the others.
5. The vehicle garage is equipped with motor operated roll-up doors allowing the bookmobiles, etc., to drive through.
6. The construction and maintenance shop is modern in every respect, including a paint spray booth.

One of the most distinctive features and one which has created considerable comment from visitors, is the roller skate wheel conveyor. The system is 275 feet in length, square in form with spurs branching from it where necessary. It begins at the shipping and receiving dock and permits unloading and loading without the need for lifting. Incoming cartons destined for supply roll to the supply room and are removed. Incoming books are unpacked and checked on the conveyor and made ready for processing, stacked on pallets and then easily pushed along the conveyor line where pockets are pasted, catalog cards inserted, and spines are lettered. When these processes are completed, the pallets roll by gravity to the agency bins where the books are sorted. Later the books are boxed, again placed on the conveyor and pushed directly into the delivery truck. The investment in the conveyor is relatively small and we feel has already repaid its initial cost.

The new building is the result of close cooperation and planning with the various staff members. Mr. Ernest I. Miller, Librarian of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Public Library, who was building consultant, and the architects, Cuthbert and Cuthbert of Dearborn, Michigan. The ultimate test of the planning has been successfully met. The building works well in accomplishing its intended purpose—to furnish central and system-wide services for all the member library agencies.

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## LANSING HISTORY

In 1837, the first settlers of Lansing constructed a dam across the Red Cedar River, and the area that is now the Capital City of Michigan began its existence. The water power thus made available proved to be a stimulus of lasting influence. Lansing gets its name from Chancellor John Lansing of New York.

In 1847, the State Legislature voted to remove the State Capital from Detroit to a more central location in Lansing.

The coming of the railroads in 1875 brought about a decided change in Lansing, and industrial activity soon found its new home. The present position of the city as an industrial center is due largely to the development of the automobile and its allied industries.

Lansing was incorporated as a city in 1859, and the State Capitol building was completed in 1879.

Lansing is one of the fastest growing cities in Michigan with a fine new City Hall and Police Building, Civic Center, Fire Stations and Grade Separations. It has an excellent airport with a brand new terminal building.

The electric light and power system serving the community is municipally owned, as well as a modern sewage disposal plant and a fine water conditioning plant. The park system comprises 1,600 acres, with four municipal golf courses, 35 playgrounds and 4 indoor-outdoor swimming pools.

Being the state capital, lumber and farm center, Michigan's agricultural school (the pioneer land grant college) located here in 1855. Local industries entered the farm gasoline engine business after the Civil War.

Lansing has a population of 108,205 with an area of 20.53 square miles with an assessed valuation of \$256,329,795.00.

The community is served by one daily newspaper, two radio stations and two television stations.

Professional ice shows, name bands, circuses, concerts and other events are presented at the Civic Center. Michigan State University provides year-around cultural and educational programs.

The city government is administered by a full time Mayor and a City Council.

At the time of the last state-wide conference in Lansing, we were hopeful that the long awaited State Library would at least be in the construction stage by this year, but no such plans have been realized. However, library service still continues in high gear and several new outlets have been added since the last conference. In fact new building plans and remodeling for new or added services has been taking place in many libraries in the area. This preview will acquaint you with the libraries and some of the special features that you may want to see during your visit to Lansing in October. Each library will provide guides to greet and take you on an informal tour and answer individual questions about their current and future plans.

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**lansing public library**

The Lansing Libraries' system includes the Public Library, three neighborhood branch libraries, bookmobile and hospital service, the Community College Library and forty school libraries.

The Young Adult Room, nicknamed "TEEN HAVEN" by Lansing students, is a new Lansing Libraries' service for high school students and out-of-school teenagers. Funds for its furnishings, books and operations were derived from a 1957-58 grant from the General Library Fund made by the State Board for Libraries.

A former civic room, on the second floor of the Main Library, was repainted and with the additions of beige twist carpeting, striped burlap drapes and blonde wood furniture an attractive, modern-look room has been achieved. Star attraction is the beautiful blonde listening desk which holds two three-speed hi-fi record players, each equipped to accommodate seven listeners simultaneously via earphones.

Facilities of the Young Adult Room include a specially chosen collection of fiction and non-fiction, reference books, vocational pamphlets, college catalogs, records and magazines. A student advisory committee from Lansing's five public and parochial high schools assists the Young Adult librarian in book and record selection.

The Young Adult Room opened on December 15, 1959.

Newest school library in Lansing is the library at Everett Senior High School, 3900 Stabler, between Holmes Road and Cavanaugh Road on Lansing's south side. Opened in September, 1959, Everett contains 69 classrooms including rooms for vocational shop, physical education, and other subjects as well as a cafeteria, swimming pool, gymnasium and auditorium. Classroom facilities are adequate for an enrollment of 1,700 students.

The Library is centrally located on the second floor of the classroom wing. It consists of a reading room approximately 90 feet long with a seating capacity of 100, a large magazine storage room and workroom, and the librarian's office. The library itself was completed in October, 1959, and the book collection moved to its new location from old Everett High School.

Visitors to the library have been generous in their praises of it. Although the room itself is of a conventional rectangular shape, its atmosphere is made pleasant and interesting through its recreational reading center with bright-colored lounging chairs, its light blonde tables in square, round and rectangular shapes, and its

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colorful bulletin boards. With its large double doors opening into the center of the room it breaks easily into two areas; the librarians find it possible to work with two groups simultaneously.

Students have free access to the library before and after school and during the noon hours; during the school day they come with class groups scheduled in advance or in small groups by signed permission.

Clarence Paine, Director



(Information Center, State Library, Capitol)

### state library

The State Library, 125 East Shiawassee Street, is an executive agency of State government operating under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Libraries. The Board is responsible for the development, extension, improvement and coordination of library service throughout the state. As one of the three largest libraries in Michigan, the State Library with a collection of 750,000 items serves state agencies, state employees, public and school libraries, schools, state institutions and Michigan residents without local library service. The collection is rich in Michigan materials, local and family history records, art and music, both U.S. and Michigan official publications and microfilm files of leading Michigan newspapers. In addition to its headquarters in Lansing, the State Library operates a branch in Escanaba serving the Upper Peninsula and the Library for the Blind at Saginaw.

Law Library, a division of the State Library located on the 2nd floor of the Capitol, is an important source of legal information for the Supreme Court and Legislature, as well as judges and lawyers throughout Michigan. The State Library also maintains an information Center on the ground floor of the Capitol and a branch in the Lewis Cass Building, established to meet the needs of governmental agencies.

The Public Library Development collection, which is loaned specifically to libraries and communities with plans for extending and improving services, is housed at 220 North Grand.

Loleta Fyan—State Librarian



### east lansing public library

The East Lansing Public Library, located in the Municipal building at 400 Abbott Road, East Lansing, might be referred to as a big little library. Little in the sense that it has a total area of only 2,200 square feet which necessarily limits the services it is able to render, the East Lansing Public Library is big in the volume of business it does in servicing not only East Lansing but the surrounding communities as well. Pre-school youngsters and their mothers consider it a favorite place on Thursday mornings when they come for Story Hour. Other special services are: the loan of a ceiling projector for bedridden patients, the sponsoring of a Great Books group in its fourth year, and serving as a depository for magazines which are distributed among the patients at Sparrow Hospital.

Though it has been less than eight years since the library moved into its present expanded quarters, it is already "bursting at the seams". Books are shelved behind books and on top of other books in an effort to make room for the new books added each month. For some time the Library Staff and the Board of Trustees have been considering the need for a larger building. A hopeful sign that this may become a reality is to be found in a twelve-question survey which was circulated to East Lansing residents during National Library Week. This questionnaire was sponsored and financed by the Library Trustees, and compiled and tabulated by the Civic Affairs Committee of the East Lansing Community Council and volunteers. The purpose of the survey was to find out what kind of public library facilities East Lansing should plan to offer, and to secure an opinion from the residents on where the library should be located if moved from its present quarters. At the time of this writing the tabulation and analysis of the survey has not been completed.

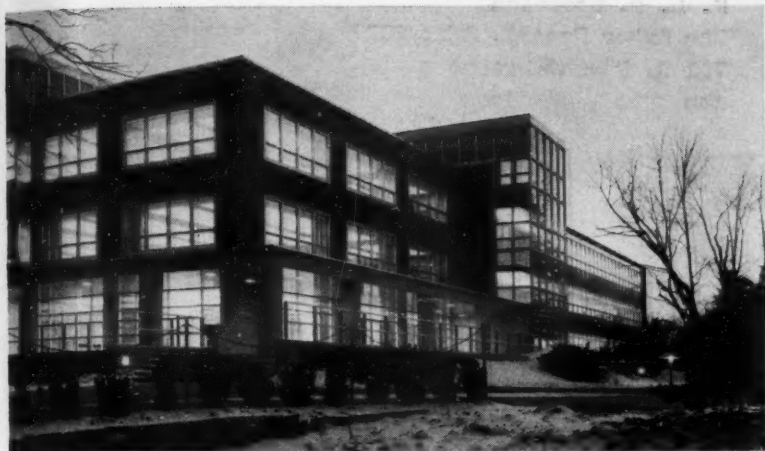
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### michigan state university library

The University Library has a rapidly growing collection of over 700,000 volumes which is selected to serve as well as supplement the education and research programs of the University. In order to bring the major areas of knowledge in close proximity, the divisional library plan has been established. The divisions are Humanities, Social Science, Education and Science; each room is staffed by librarians who are specialists in their fields. Within these divisions the volumes are arranged by subject on open shelves, so that the intellectually curious student may browse among them, unhampered by intervening walls and artificial barriers.

Approximately 10,000 separate periodicals are received regularly and placed within the subject divisions whenever applicable. All United States government publications are automatically deposited in the Library.

One of the services recently expanded by the Library is the addition of rare and out-of-print editions of works in microcopy. The various copy processes include microprint, microcard, microfiche and film.

At present the Library has a seating capacity of two thousand and a floor area of 220,000 square feet with a volume capacity of one million.

As for the future, it will be architecturally and structurally feasible to enlarge the Library on two sides. Since the University must be prepared for increased student enrollment, it is particularly important for the Library to be able to expand in order to meet the increased demands for service.

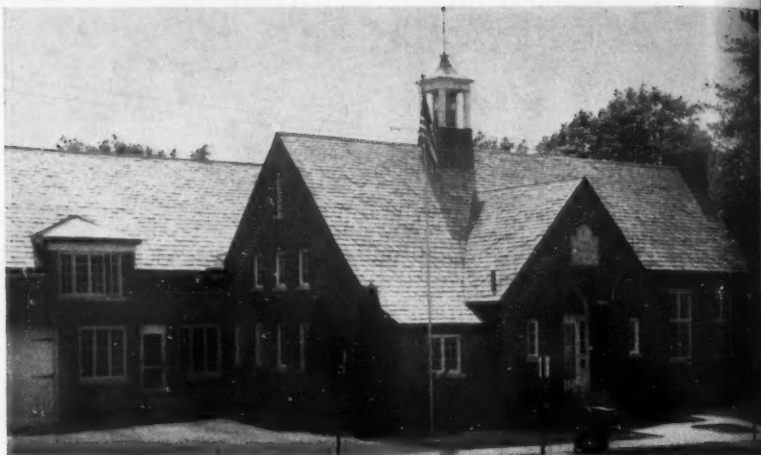
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### Ingham county library, mason

Ingham County Library, with headquarters in the Hall Memorial Building in Mason, has 12 community outlets, one hospital branch, and bookmobile service. Now in its 22nd year of serving Ingham County, the library's outlets near Lansing and East Lansing include those at Okemos, Haslett, Holt, Miller Road, and Maple Grove.

Norman J. Bunker, Director

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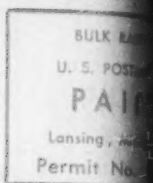


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Membership in the Michigan Library Association provides us with the inspiration found by sharing the new viewpoints and varied experiences of other members. This helps to formulate worthwhile goals and standards while providing each individually, the pleasure which comes from sharing efforts in a common endeavor.



**Mrs. Annette C. White,**  
Iosco-Arenac Regional, Tawas City

Several years ago I had the opportunity to serve on the Membership Committee of M.L.A. It was then I realized the importance of M.L.A., especially in this Northeastern District where our libraries are widely scattered and many of them very small. The librarians and library board members in the area need continually more contact with others who have the same problems and interests. Yet many of the small city and township libraries do not have sufficient funds or time available to permit travel to distant meetings or to pay the cost of belonging to a larger organization. Here M.L.A. offers the district meetings where new ideas and suggestions are available on a common plane. The results of discussions and conclusions from these meetings can easily be brought home for application in the local library system. New professional interests are developed and new library friendships are made all for the constructive good of each person who attends and participates.

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